

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on February 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren Head, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 352, 1/28/2011; HB 364, 1/28/2011

HEARING ON HB 352

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:28 Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 352, Revise laws relating to water quality standards and provide alternatives.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:37 Ed Butcher, self
00:13:23 Rod Bowling, self
00:18:43 Richard Cusp, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:24 Shelly Nolan, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
[EXHIBIT\(nah26a01\)](#)
00:28:11 Linda Stoll, Missoula County
[EXHIBIT\(nah26a02\)](#)
00:29:51 Laurel Riek, Environmental Health Specialist, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)
[EXHIBIT\(nah26a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(nah26a04\)](#)
00:33:22 Jim Jensen, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:34:46 Don MacIntyre, Mountain Water Company (MWC)
00:35:27 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:16 Rep. Reinhart
00:36:35 Ms. Nolan
00:38:23 Rep. Reinhart
00:38:37 Ms. Nolan
00:41:00 Rep. Reinhart
00:41:12 Ms. Nolan
00:42:56 Rep. Warburton
00:43:27 Rep. Reinhart left the meeting.
00:43:30 Ms. Nolan
00:44:04 Rep. Warburton
00:44:08 Ms. Nolan
00:44:13 Rep. Warburton
00:44:46 Mr. Bowling
00:48:20 Rep. Miller
00:48:36 Ms. Nolan
00:48:49 Rep. Miller
00:48:58 Ms. Nolan
00:49:13 Rep. Miller
00:49:22 Ms. Nolan

00:50:46 Rep. Miller
 00:50:55 Ms. Nolan
 00:51:18 Rep. Barrett
 00:51:46 Ms. Riek
 00:51:56 Rep. Barrett
 00:52:49 Ms. Riek
 00:53:01 Rep. Loney
 00:53:18 Ms. Riek
 00:53:33 Rep. Loney
 00:53:51 Ms. Riek
 00:54:13 Rep. Loney
 00:54:23 Ms. Nolan
 00:54:46 Rep. Loney
 00:55:14 Mr. Bowling
 00:57:27 Rep. Connell
 00:57:52 Mr. Bowling
 00:58:08 Rep. Connell
 00:58:40 Mr. Bowling
 00:59:46 Rep. Hale
 01:00:06 Mr. Bowling
 01:00:08 Rep. Hale
 01:00:14 Mr. Bowling

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:44 Rep. Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 364

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:54 Rep. Alan Hale (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 364, Revise laws related to natural resource permitting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:20 Judy Hanson, Administrator, DEQ
 01:12:29 Rep. Miller left the meeting.
 01:17:12 Rep. Miller rejoined the meeting.
 01:17:55 Mary Sexton, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 01:20:51 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI), Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC), Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 01:22:40 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
 01:24:13 Walt Sales, self
 01:26:00 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

01:27:35 Jim Jensen, MEIC

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:22 Rep. Connell
01:31:32 Rep. Hale
01:31:44 Rep. Connell
01:32:12 Rep. Hale
01:32:51 Rep. Connell
01:33:32 Ms. Hanson
01:33:49 Warren McCullough, DEQ
01:39:06 Vice Chairman Hoven
01:39:16 Rep. Bennett
01:40:14 Rep. Hale
01:41:19 Rep. Bennett
01:41:58 Ms. Hanson
01:43:00 Rep. Bennett
01:43:14 Chairman Hendrick
01:43:43 Ms. Hanson
01:43:45 Chairman Hendrick
01:43:54 Mr. McCullough
01:44:31 Rep. Harris
01:44:40 Rep. Hands left the meeting.
01:45:29 Mr. McCullough
01:45:36 Rep. Harris
01:45:45 Mr. McCullough
01:46:14 Rep. Harris
01:46:35 Mr. McCullough
01:47:40 Rep. Flynn
01:48:12 Ms. Hanson
01:48:39 Rep. Hands rejoined the meeting.
01:48:58 Rep. Flynn
01:49:18 Ms. Hanson
01:49:43 Rep. Flynn
01:49:54 Ms. Hanson
01:50:07 Rep. Barrett
01:51:00 Rep. Hale
01:51:25 Rep. Barrett
01:51:41 Rep. Hale
01:51:52 Rep. Barrett
01:52:07 Rep. Hale
01:52:19 Rep. Barrett
01:53:04 Rep. Hale
01:53:32 Rep. Barrett
01:53:55 Chairman Hendrick
01:54:25 Rep. Barrett
01:54:34 Chairman Hendrick
01:54:50 Rep. Miller

01:55:34 Ms. Hanson
01:55:37 Mr. McCullough
01:56:22 Rep. Miller
01:56:32 Mr. McCullough
01:57:19 Rep. Hoven
01:58:01 Mr. McCullough
01:58:13 Rep. Hoven
01:58:53 Ms. Hanson
01:59:23 Rep. Warburton
01:59:50 Mr. McCullough
02:00:15 Rep. Warburton
02:00:27 Mr. McCullough

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:54 Rep. Hale

02:01:49 Chairman Hendrick
02:02:53 Rep. Connell
02:03:06 Chairman Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

02:03:33 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(nah26a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah26a06\)](#)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah26aad.pdf](#))